



BELONG. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.

MISSION

The Options Charter Schools is a caring community that is an alternative to the traditional education program. Utilizing innovative approaches, we focus on the personal academic achievement as well as the health and wellness of each student. Options Charter Schools develops responsible individuals who are skilled problem solvers and caring, productive citizens.

ABOUT US

- Founded in 2002
- Free, public charter schools: Two brick and mortar campuses (Carmel & Noblesville) and a Distance Education program
- Providing an inclusive environment with a student-to-teacher ratio of 15-to-1 and a high-quality, individualized approach.

CORE VALUES

- In an intentional and purposeful way, each student is supported and valued at school.
- Though high expectations are consistent for all, success is defined differently for each student.
- Teachers are most effective when empowered to innovate, create and inspire.

CORE BELIEFS

- We believe that Options Charter Schools provide purposeful, relevant, and challenging educational experiences.
- We believe that Options Charter Schools provide a safe, caring, and healthy environment that promotes freedom of thought and respect for diversity.
- We believe that each student will graduate with the skills, attitude, knowledge, and compassion to be a contributing member of society and a life-long learner.
- We believe that Options Charter Schools have the flexibility to meet the varied needs of their learners through different instructional techniques and settings.
- We believe that Options Charter Schools provide a student-centered environment where every student has an adult advocate.
- We believe that Options Charter Schools appreciate and encourage creativity as an integral part of every student's educational experience.

ADDITIONAL THINGS TO KNOW

Who chooses to attend Options?

Between our two brick and mortar campuses & our Distance Education program, Options serves students from 35% of school corporations across Indiana (91 corporations). Options serves a number of different types of students, including those that were previously homeschooled, those with anxiety issues, those with schedule constraints, those at-risk of not graduating high school and many additional types of students.

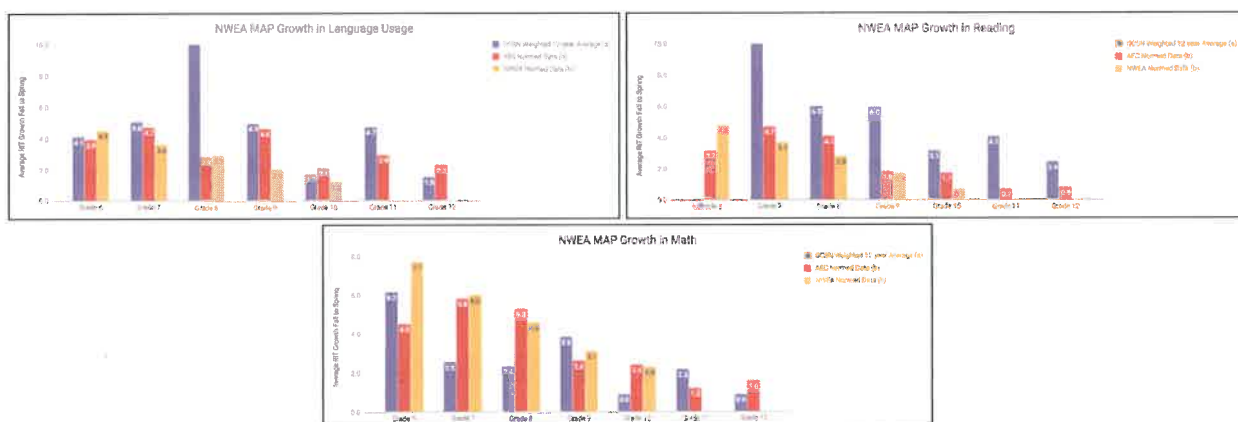
Is there evidence of growth in performance by Options students?

Every Options student has a well-developed Individualized Service Plan (ISP). Goals are informed by the ultimate achievement of obtaining final proficiency by graduation that are set by the students & monitored regularly by teachers and support staff.

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ADDITIONAL THINGS TO KNOW (CONTINUED)

- Our student population at Options-Carmel has a strong presence in the City of Westfield, with a large number of students living in close proximity to the future location of Options-Westfield. When looking at our 2018-19 Options-Carmel student population, 13% live within three miles of the future Options-Westfield location. While 32% of students live within five miles of the Westfield location, 46% reside within seven miles and 65% within 10 miles.
- Dating back to the 2014-15 school year, Westfield-Washington Schools posted a graduation rate of at least 95.1% in each year (98.2% in 2014-15, 97.5% in 2015-16, 95.1% in 2016-17 and 96.0% in 2017-18). In cooperation with Dr. Grate and the City of Westfield staff, Options would provide a boost to those extremely impressive numbers by focusing on the students that did not graduate. By working with the students at-risk of not graduating high school, we are able to help ensure all students in the Westfield-Washington area reach their goals through our motto of "Belong. Believe. Achieve."
- When looking at Indiana Department of Education's Graduate Reports from the 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, 134 Options graduates went on to pursue four different forms of higher education. 36 attended a 4-year college/university, 55 attended a 2-year college/university, 37 attended a vocational/technical school and 6 enlisted in the military.
- Options is competitive in all grades and subjects and consistently outperforms the norms in many areas and outperforms the Alternative Education Consortium (AEC) in many areas. (AEC Normed Data and NWEA Normed Data provided by Momentum Strategy and Research: 2015 Alternative Norms Using NWEA MAP).



- Based on an 11-year average, both Options brick and mortar campuses perform well above averages of the nine Indiana alternative schools and the hundreds of alternative schools nationwide. (Graduation rate data compiled for 874 alternative schools in Colorado, New York City, Ohio and Utah.)

